

the Viewpoint, which is a paper published in McCall, Idaho. Headline: Women become pregnant, not oppressive governments. Women become pregnant, not oppressive governments. This is dated February 3rd, 1990. "I wish to respectfully present thoughts and reflections on abortion for your consideration. The vulgar and repugnant views of Martin Luther apparently filled the chambers of many state legislatures." And this is the quote from Martin Luther. "'If a woman grows weary and at last dies from childbearing, it matters not. Let her die from bearing. She is here to do it.' Does the state think that they own a woman's body? Hitler thought so. He often said that he admired Martin Luther more than any other German. Romania's Ceausescu thought that the state owned women's bodies and dictated to them through law. What it produced was children of tyranny, the deaths of thousands of women from illegal abortions, Europe's highest infant mortality rate, and unwanted children abandoned and loveless in harsh state-run orphanages." And I might add in digressing, you all have seen the close to 100 children in orphanages now who have been abandoned because they have AIDS and that is an outgrowth directly to Ceausescu's program. Back to the article, "Governments do not become pregnant, women become pregnant. A woman's right to privacy is protected in the letter, the intent, and the spirit of the First, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution. This is the heart of the issue. The Constitution and our Bill of Rights are saturated with an individual's right to privacy. What could be more private and personal than a woman's womb or a woman's decision as to whether or not to bear progeny. The 'true believer' pro-lifer arrogantly claims the superior morality. The Ku Klux Klan, as well as Hitler, lived under similar demented hallucinations; the Klan reading from the Bible, while pouring gasoline over blacks; the fanatic mentality of the true believer is the same for the Nazi, Communist, Islamic, or Fundamentalist Christian. I am sick of hearing the pro-lifers start their pitch with 'we Christians'. The vast majority of mainline Christians are probably pro-choice, and so when they say 'we Christians' translated that usually means we Fundamentalists and Evangelical Christians. But the most important consideration is this. This is not, and I repeat, not a 'Christian' issue, whether Fundamentalist or Unitarian. This is an issue of United States citizenship. It is an issue of the individual woman's absolutely guaranteed right to privacy by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This right applies to Christian, Jew, Buddhist, Taoist, Atheist, Agnostic, Druid, or